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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robert J. Mrofka et al.) Attny Docket No.: RJM-01
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For: Towing Hitch Extension) Examiner: Kevin Hurley

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A one-month extension of time is respectfully requested in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004 in this application.

Our check in the amount of \$60.00 (small entity) is enclosed to cover the applicable fee. Please charge any additional fees concerning this matter or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

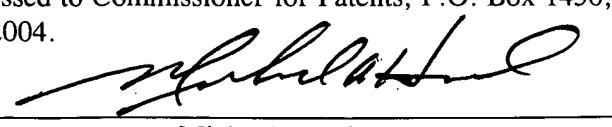
Respectfully submitted,

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